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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRIP OF MRS. CARTER TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE  
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1. I MET WITH PM MANLEY AFTERNOON APRIL 24 TO ASK WHETHER A VISIT BY MRS. CARTER WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR JUNE 9-10. MANLEY SAID, AND REPEATED THE WORDS TO GIVE THEM IMPACT, THAT MRS. CARTER WOULD BE RECEIVED IN JAMAICA WITH "FULLEST POSSIBLE COURTESIES AND DELIGHT, AND WITH GENUINE ENTHUSIASM -- BOTH PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL". HOWEVER, HE WAS DISTRESSED THAT A VISIT AT THAT PRECISE TIME WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE AS HE HAD TO LEAVE JAMAICA THE EVENING OF JUNE 5 FOR LONDON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMONWEALTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. HE HAD WIDE RANGE OF LONG-STANDING IMPORTANT COMMITMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH CONFERENCE WHICH HE SIMPLY COULD NOT AT THIS LATE DATE CANCEL. HE WAS VERY UPSET, AS HE WAS "FULLY CONSCIOUS OF BOTH THE SYMBOLIC AND SUBSTANTIVE IMPORTANCE OF A VISIT BY MRS. CARTER". HE WOULD NOT EVEN SUGGEST FOR THESE REASONS, HE SAID, A VISIT BY MRS. CARTER WHILE HE WAS NOT HERE. ASIDE FROM PROTOCOL AND "COMMON COURTESY", HE BELIEVED THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF ANY SUCH VISIT REQUIRED THAT HE BE PRESENT. BUT ABOVE ALL: "FOR

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ME A VISIT BY MRS. CARTER WOULD REPRESENT THE MAJOR TURNING POINT FOR THE BETTER IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS".

2. PM MANLEY THEN PLED FOR A SCHEDULING CHANGE WHICH WOULD ALLOW A VISIT TO KINGSTON ANYTIME BETWEEN MAY 26 AND JUNE 5, OR FROM JUNE 23 ONWARDS.

3. MANLEY ALSO VOLUNTEERED AN OUTLINE OF A PROGRAM FOR MRS. CARTER. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD ARRANGE ANYTHING SHE LIKED, BUT WOULD SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING AS A BASIC OUTLINE -- ASSUMING AN ARRIVAL ONE MORNING AND A DEPARTURE THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON.

MORNING FIRST DAY: ARRIVE KINGSTON AT NORMAN MANELY AIRPORT. PM AND MRS. MANLEY AND FOREIGN MINISTER TO MEET.

LUNCH FIRST DAY: SMALL INFORMAL LUNCHEON HOSTED AT JAMAICA HOUSE BY PM AND MRS. MANLEY.

AFTERNOON FIRST DAY: OFFICIAL TALKS AT JAMAICA HOUSE AFTER LUNCH. FOLLOWED BY REST PERIOD OR VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES.

EVENING FIRST DAY: STATE DINNER HOSTED BY GOVERNOR GENERAL AND MRS. GLASSPOLE.

MORNING SECOND DAY: VISIT TWO KEY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, ONE IN KINGSTON AND ONE IN RURAL AREA. PROJECTS TO BE CHOSEN FROM A LIST TO BE PROVIDED JOINTLY BY EMBASSY AND PRIME MINISTER. PROBABLY WOULD INCLUDE A VISIT TO A JAMAL CENTER (CRASH ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM CENTERS). (ANOTHER POSSIBILITY FAVORED BY EMBASSY IS TO "OPEN" ONE OF THE NEW SCHOOLS BEING BUILD WITH USAID RURAL EDUCATION LOAN FUNDS.)

LUNCH SECOND DAY: INFORMAL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY MRS. CARTER IF SHE DESIRES. ALTERNATIVELY A LUNCH WITH A GROUP OF "TYPICAL  
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JAMAICANS".

AFTER-  
NOON SECONDDAY: DEPART KINGSTON.PM MANLEY AND MRS. MANLEY TO BE AT AIRPORT. ALSO FONMIN PATTERSON.

4. PM AND MRS. MANLEY WOULD ACCOMPANY MRS. CARTER THROUGH-OUT PROGRAM - IF MRS. CARTER SO DESIRED. SOME EVENTS, I.E. THE SOCIAL PROJECTS VISIT, MIGHT REQUIRE HELICOPTER TRAVEL. JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE HELICOPTERS ARE WELL-MAINTAINED AND PILOTED.

5. GOJ DOES NOT HAVE A GUEST HOUSE APPROPRIATE FOR MRS. CARTER AND PARTY. THE CHOICE IS THUS BETWEEN THE PEGASUS HOTEL IN KINGSTON, OR THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. WE WOULD SUGGEST THE LATTER WHICH HAS THREE BEDROOMS PLUS A GUESTHOUSE WHICH CAN SLEEP FOUR (TWO PER BEDROOM). WE ARE OF COURSE UNAWARE STATE OF PLAY RE APPOINTMENT NEW AMBASSADOR AND HIS POSSIBLE ARRIVAL DATE IN KINGSTON.

6. COMMENT: MANLEY WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY ALMOST CHILDISHLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY MRS. CARTER AND MRS. VANCE, AND VISIBLY DISTURBED THAT HIS COMMITMENTS IN LONDON MAKE THE PROPOSED DATES UNACCEPTABLE. HE EXPRESSED AN OBVIOUSLY SINCERE HOPE THAT WE CAN RESPOND IMMEDIATELY WITH ALTERNATIVE DATES.  
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